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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/NL00/00297

International Filing Date: May 8, 2000

Priority Date Claimed: May 7, 1999

Title of Invention: METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING WAFERS AND RING

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
- (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
- a) ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) ☐ a copy of Form PCT/1B/308 is enclosed.
 - d) ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
- e) ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - f) ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - g) ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - h) ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
- (X) A combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors (35 USC 371(c)(4)).
- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 and PTO Form 1449 and fourteen (14) references.
- (X) An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- (X) International Application as published (with attached International Search Report).
- (X) A FIRST preliminary amendment.
- (X) Five (5) sheets of drawings.
- (X) A return prepaid postcard.

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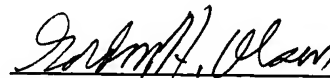
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(X) The following fees are submitted:

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BASIC FEE				\$890
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	26 - 20 =	6 ×	\$18	\$108
Independent Claims	5 - 3 =	2 ×	\$84	\$168
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			\$280	\$0
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$1,166
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (if applicable).			\$0	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE				\$1,166
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED				\$1,166

- (X) A check in the amount of \$1,166 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- (X) Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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I hereby certify that the accompanying

Transmittal letter;
SIGNED Declaration and Power of Attorney in 3 pages;
Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 with 14 references;
Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment in 3 pages;
International Application as published (with attached International Search Report);
Preliminary Amendment in 8 pages;
5 sheets of drawings;
Checks for Filing Fees;
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